

New Advertisements.

Watch and Clock Makers—J. Cason, Dingley Vale of Barn Stock—Margot Ferguson, Millbury—B. Smith, Hodges—Henry Glancy, Weston, Robert Penrell.

Parties favoring us with their Advertisements would much oblige by sending them by 12 o'clock on Thursday, as the paper is invariably put to press on that day.

Should a Minority Govern?

Are Reformers justified in combining to oppose the existing coalition government? Is it a question not infrequently asked by the friends of the Ministry; particularly so, as they, with all the advantage it is possible to conceive, when the Administration have promised to carry out the measures of the late Government? and when put in this way the unthinking and unsuspecting are often led to give it a negative answer. Our duty as a journalist—our duty to the public welfare of this rising Colony, compel us to answer it in the affirmative, we therefore say yes! emphatically, yes! Never, since the ceding of Responsible Government to Canada were honest Reformers more completely sold—never have public men more deceptively betrayed public confidence, and set at naught "the well understood wishes" of their constituents, than they were at the late political shuffle at Quebec. Through the connivance of Lord Elgin and the secret wire-pulling of Hincks and Ross and the Morrisons, the patronage and power of the Crown has been vested in the hands of a very small minority,—that minority, too, being composed of the very men that held tyrannical sway during the days of "compactism."

If there is one thing more than another which may be looked upon as a justification of the determined opposition of all honest Reformers, it is the sudden and almost incredible change wrought in the principles of the Leaders of the Coalition. Not six months ago one of the present cabinet charged Mr. Hincks, on the floor of the House, with being "steeped in infamy to the very lips," and his government with being, "tainted with corruption individually and collectively;" but now can francize with him, and indeed look upon him as the main stay to their position,—thus shouldering the corruption they held in such pious denunciation. Yankee Doodle spoke the truth when he said the "ile has mixed with the water and the water has mixed with the ile." The Tories, for the sake of office, have joined hands with the very men they denounced as being "tainted with corruption," and render obedience to the will of the corrupted! thereby enabling a minority to render dictation to the majority. Responsible Government was given to Canada with the view that those entrusted with the patronage of the Crown should be men in whom a majority of the people had confidence; but, alas, for the treachery of the people's Representatives, the "well understood wishes" of the people have been thwarted, and their opinions so repeatedly expressed at the polls, set at nought. It was in consequence of the high-handed proceedings of these same Leaders, that first gave us a Responsible system; and now that the people of Canada were about to witness the consummation and complete triumph of those principles for which they as a party have for years struggled, to be thus sold by political traitors professing to be friends, is a downright injustice to the intelligence of the people, and richly deserves the condemnation of every honest friend to the best interests of the country. We therefore look upon the opposition as sound and judicious, and should receive the hearty cooperation of every well-wisher to the cause of Reform.

We have also given, in a previous number of the *Era*, our objections to the present coalition; these same objections would now apply in supporting the opposition. In the first place, the coalition was altogether uncalled for. In the second place, the combination is composed of men who do not possess public confidence. In the third place, the whole scheme was a well designed trick of Hincks to get rid of having his public conduct thoroughly scrutinized, and to prevent the facts of the case being prominently brought before the public.

Wasting the people's money—Pleasure Excursion!

The little pleasure excursion proposed and carried out by Government, a few days ago, only cost the country about £1,000; and out of a House of 65, but six members are to be found voting in defence of the people's rights but six opposed to robbing the public chest. Here are the yeas and nays:

Yea—Messieurs Bell, Bowes, Bureau, Casault, Caubon, Chabot, Chapais, Chauveau, Chute, Crawford, Daly, Daoust of two Mountains, Delong, Desaulniers, DeWitt, Dionne, Dosister, Ducrene, Felton, Ferguson, Ferrie, Foley, Forier, Fournier, Frazer, Freeman, Holton, Jackson, Jobin, Labelle, Langton, Laporte, Lariviere, Le Bouillier, Lumard, McDonald of Glengary, McCann, McKeirnan, MacLachlan, Masson, Meagher, Merritt, Monaghan, Morris, Morrison of Niagara, O'Farrell, Patrick, Poletie, Poulin, Pouliet, Prevost, Rhodes, Roblin, Scatcherd, Shaw, Stevenson, Techa, Wright and Young—59.

Nay—Messieurs Boudrias, Darche, Dorion, Drummond, Hartman, Mackenzie, and Valois—6.

But the mere squandering of the people's money is not all; for they violated the laws of God by setting at nought his commands in reference to keeping the "Sabbath day holy,"—as the party did not return until late on Sunday afternoon. Truly, we have a model Legislature! If Lawgivers can thus violate with impunity the measures they have themselves adopted for the good government of the people,

how can it be expected that the subject will observe them? In looking over the list of yeas, we were struck by the names of Ferguson, Foley, Frazer, Freeman, McDonald of Glengary, Merritt, Wright, and others. Perhaps these men will be able to explain and give satisfactory reasons for this vote to their constituents; but we cannot conceive upon what ground they will rest their plea.

Fourth Division Court.

HON. JUDGE HARRISON, PRESIDING.

The above court was held in Newmarket, on Friday last, the 13th inst., before his Honor, Judge Harrison. The number of cases were not as numerous as generally; but considerable interest was manifested during the trial of many of them. The following is a synopsis of the decided cases:

Spragg vs. Peck.—The Plaintiff in this case sued Defendant for the amount of a note which he endorsed. Defendant pleaded that he had not been soled according to law, had he been, the amount upon the face of the note might have been collected from the man on whom the note was drawn but since then had failed. Considerable interest was manifested; and the case strongly argued on both sides. Verdict for Plaintiff—Boulbee for Plaintiff; Jones for Defendant.

Weed vs. White.—This was an adjourned case from last Court. Plaintiff sued for amount of Notes of hand. Defendant denied making the notes; at least, if he had made them, he had paid them, but failing to establish this, judgment was given for Plaintiff—Jones for Plaintiff; Boulbee for Defendant.

Irvine vs. Parsons.—Plaintiff sued for amount of account. Defendant pleaded that he was overcharged, as the work done was performed by contract. Several witnesses were examined and the contract proven. Defendant gained the effect. Jones for Plaintiff; Boulbee for Defendant.

Hackett vs. Stephen.—Plaintiff sued for amount of account. Defendant pleaded he was overcharged. Verdict for Plaintiff.

O'Hare vs. Cameron.—This case was a peculiar one. It appears that some time ago Plaintiff taught a school, of which, Defendant was a trustee; but in consequence of some transaction, of which we did not learn, Plaintiff had his license taken from him by the local superintendent. Defendant thereupon, amongst others, desired him to still continue teaching, and held a public meeting to ascertain the views of the Section, when the meeting decided almost unanimously, to keep Plaintiff on as teacher; but at the end of the term no body was found to pay him for his services. He therefore sued Defendant for his pay; but failing to establish an agreement, Plaintiff was non-suited.

Murray vs. Adam.—Plaintiff sued for amount of account. Defendant objected on the ground of overcharge. Offset allowed.

Patterson vs. Buchanan.—Defendant was summoned under the 91st clause. He pleaded his inability to pay at present, and the judge made an order of 10s per month.

Wallis vs. Minthorn.—Plaintiff sued to recover a note promised him as inclusive of a bargain on a previous transaction. Defendant denied that any such bargain was made; but Plaintiff proving it to be the case, verdict was rendered in his favor. Boulbee for Plaintiff; Jones for Defendant.

Torrance vs. Hasty.—Plaintiff sued for amount of note. Defendant denied making the same, and argued that it was a false signature. Plaintiff proved however that he had made the note, and a verdict was rendered in his favor.

Srigley vs. Collins.—Plaintiff sued for amount of note. Defendant denied making the same, and argued that it was a false signature. Plaintiff proved however that he had made the note, and a verdict was rendered in his favor.

Coverdale vs. Hunter.—Plaintiff sued for amount of wages. Defendant pleaded that he had engaged him to perform a certain work which he professed to be competent to do; but so far from being a competent person he had done him £10 damage in one week.—Plaintiff was non-suited.

Blair vs. Graham.—Plaintiff sued for amount of note. Defendant pleaded that his son had made the note without his knowledge and consent,—and being a minor, Plaintiff was non-suited. Jones for Plaintiff; Boulbee for Defendant.

Agricultural Show.

The North York Branch Agricultural Society held their Fall Exhibition of Stock, Produce and Implements, on Wednesday last, the 18th inst. Nearly 200 entries were made with the Secretary; and competition in every class except Cheese. Although the day was cold and to some extent disagreeable, yet a large number of people were in attendance. Parties that have been connected with the Society ever since its formation, informed us that an exhibition never passed off better or gave so much general satisfaction. As soon as the Judges had completed their onerous duties, a goodly company (nearly 100) sat down to a sumptuous dinner prepared by Mr. J. Forsay of the Railroad House; after which the auction sale took place—Mr. Seth Ashton, Auctioneer. Several fine Sheep and Lambs were disposed of, and had it not been for the inclemency of the weather no doubt much stock and seed would have changed hands. We understand Mr. Trent sold one of his fine Rams at £8 10. On the whole, the exhibition was remarkably good; and the quality and number of Stock and other articles never before excelled here. The following is a list of the successful competitors:

STOCK.

Judges.—Messrs. T. Atkins, John Ritchey, and Archibald McMullen.

Team Horses.

First Prize—Geo. Conner, 2nd do—John Goodwill.

Draught Brood Mare.

First Prize—Thos. Lloyd, 2nd do—Samuel Douglass.

Carriage or Saddle Horses.

First Prize—Dr. Peck, 2nd do—Dr. Ford.

Spring Calf or Filly.

First Prize—John Evans, 2nd do—Samuel Douglass.

She is about 500 tons burthen.

THE NEW ERA.

Nowmarket, Friday, October 20, 1854.

LOCAL MATTER.

The Sale on the estate of the late James Gault, Esq., taken place on Tuesday next, the 24th inst. See Advertisement.

Snow.—On Wednesday last, the 18th inst., we had the first fall of snow for the season; the day throughout was cold and freezing.

The second general assembly for the season takes place this evening, (Friday) at the Court House. Good music and a hot supper may be expected.

Farmers are all busy in this section of country digging potatoes. We believe the crop is remarkably good. Potatoes in Newmarket are worth 10/- per bushel.

We direct the attention of Country Merchants and others to the great Sale of Glass, Crockery, and China, Way, of S. G. Lyle, Esq., Front Street, Toronto, which takes place on Wednesday next, the 24th inst. See Advertisement.

We have to acknowledge the kinships of J. Hartman, Esq., M. J. P. for Parliamentary papers sent this office. From the votes and proceedings we learn that Mr. Hartman has introduced a Bill to enable Corporations and Builders to lien on buildings until they have been paid their contract money.

We have been requested to state that the friends in connection with the Congregational Church, in this place, purpose holding a Tea-meeting on the 2nd of November next. No doubt many will look forward with pleasure to this day. We bespeak a bumper house. Public notices will be posted in a few days.

Elsewhere we publish in to-day's issue, Mr. Brown's Bill to abolish the Reformer. We observe it has passed the first reading; but we have no faith in the present combinations, and therefore look to see it kicked over the table when it comes up for a second reading. Nothing else can be expected these times.

We are glad to be able to announce the fact that the arrangements are settled for the erection of the Steam Mill, we spoke of some weeks ago. It is to be located near the Depot, and directly opposite the New Hotel, now being built by Geo. Lyle, Esq. We understand the Mill, when completed, will grind 200 barrels of flour every 24 hours. Success to the parties engaged in the enterprise, my we!

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Oct. 19, 1854.
We learn by our Toronto exchanges that wheat was selling yesterday at 8/- a bushel. Flour 55s. Oats 2s 3d. Potatoes 1/- a bushel. Apples same price. Turnips 2d a bushel. Turnip Butter 8d a bushel. Eggs 1d a dozen.

Died.
At Holland Landing, after a short illness, Mrs. W. T. wife of Mr. Amos Warr, aged 69 years.

At East Gwillimbury, on Saturday the 7th inst. Mr. Gurner Farquhar, Farmer, a native of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, aged 57 years.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

R. & W. SMITH

WILL open his Millinery Show Room on Friday, the 27th of October, when he will exhibit a choice assortment of Millinery Goods.

October 20, 1854. 37/2

TENDERS

WILL be received by the undersigned Trustees of School Section No. 1, East Gwillimbury, up to Friday, the 3rd of November next, for the erection of a

WOOD HOUSE,

Specifications and Plans may be seen at Mr. Reuben Powell's, Lot No. 10, Yonge Street.

REUBEN POWELL, *Trustees.*

BENJ. COADY,

East Gwillimbury, Oct. 20, 1854. 23/2

WANTED.

A PARLOUR and BEDROOM, with or without Board, for a single gentleman, in a respectable family, in Newmarket or its immediate neighborhood. A place would be preferred where there are no young children, and where accommodation could be got for a horse. For particulars enquire at the

NEW ERA OFFICE.

Newmarket, Oct. 19, 1854. 37/2

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